GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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EFFECT OF COAL MINE DUST ON HUMAN HEALTH
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) has conducted survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra to investigate effects of coal mines dust on human health;

(b) if so, the findings thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): When compared with the health status in control locations i.e. places where no coal mines are located, it was found that the health status in urban and rural areas in the vicinity of coal mines in Chandrapur District is similar.

(c): Does not apply in view of reply to part (b) above.